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Dear Sirs,

Re.: **International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2005/000113**
Applicant: Dresser Italia S.r.l.

A preliminary examination of the application in re is expressly requested and the fees are herewith paid.

Applicant has amended the original set of claim as follow.
The original set of claims has been amended in response to the objections raised by the Examiner contained in the Written opinion dated 09.05.2005.

In particular, a new set of claims is enclosed herewith to replace claims 1-10 as filed in which:

- original claim 1 has been amended;
- original claims 2-3 have been maintained unchanged;
- original claim 4 has been deleted;
- original claims 5-10 have been renumbered as claims 4-9.

Original claim 1 has been amended by inserting the features contained into original claim 4, according to the examiner's suggestion. In particular, in the written opinion in paragraph V-3 and V-4 the examiner considers that original claims 4-10 meet the requirement for novelty and inventive step. Therefore applicant has amended the set of claim in a way to agree with the Examiner's suggestion.

In view of the foregoing, a favourable reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted
Authorised Representative
Alessandro Cobbo

Encl.: New set of claims 1-9;
Fee Calculation Sheet;
Demand.

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